President : Order, order. There is one matter which I hope the honourable members will give me this opportunity to add to my observations. In regard to the Punja cultivation we made certain attempts to get down diesel oil in conjunction with the companies that are distributing the oil. This was done by mutual arrangement between these Companies and certain prominent men in a particular locality, and I find now that most serious charges are being levelled in reputable newspapers of the State, against these agents. A particular newspaper through its Alleppey correspondent, says that the oil is first sold to influential agriculturists, who sell it in the black-market at the high rate of 60 rupees per tin, so that the agriculturists as a whole are put to much difficulty. The point which I wanted to make and which I failed to make by oversight was this. In the matter of procurement of more food and in other matters Government have to rely very largely upon non-official help and official help. So far as officials are concerned, Government's policy has been that they will take every official to be full of the sentiment of duty and loyalty to the Sovereign and this country. But if any back-sliding is brought to the notice of Government, they have no hesitation to deal with it. I must say, notwithstanding certain number of charges that have been proved, the services have generally stood firmly and well. As regards the non-official agency, if allegation of that kind goes unchallenged, then the confidence reposed not only by the Government but by the people will be shaken and the whole system will break down. Therefore when charges are made I take it that it will be the duty of the persons referred to, to prosecute and thereby vindicate their reputation. I am making an appeal to the non-official agency that wherever charges are made directly or indirectly they should take it as their duty—and Government will extend to them the necessary legal help—to refute those charges. We cannot have charges made and left unanswered.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

DEMAND IV—FOREST.

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Iyer : I move that a sum of Rs. 4200 be granted under Demand IV—Forest for

(i) Providing electric connection to Pallom plant—Rs. 2,000.

(ii) Shifting the Ascu Treatment Plant to Shencottah—Rs. 700.

(iii) The construction of a shed for housing the treatment plant, engine etc., at Shencottah—Rs. 1,500.

The amount of Rs. 2,000 for providing electric connection to the Pallom Plant is required to substitute an electric motor for the

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petrol engine, which has been working the pump attached to Ascu treatment plant. Now that we have got electric current in the neighbourhood of the plant itself, it is more advantageous to use our own power instead of the petrol engine. Hence the provision.

The treatment plant and engine at Shencottah was so far housed in a temporary shed. This shed is falling to pieces and we wish to increase the output from the Shencottah plant on account of certain demand from the Electrical Department. We therefore propose to build a permanent shed for the plant and put in an extra plant at Shencottah for increasing the output. Hence the requirement of Rs. 700 for shifting and Rs. 1,500 for building a shed for housing the plant.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,200 under Demand IV—Forest, was put and carried. The grant was made.

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Iyer: I move that a sum of Rs. 5,600 be granted under Demand IV—Forest for additional allotment required under salaries to the instructors, stipends for trainees, contingencies etc., for the school at Konni—for training forest guards.

The amount of Rs. 2,000 provided in the original budget for 1119 was found insufficient for the purpose as a second course extending to six months during the year was found necessary. Government have to continue the equipment and the necessary teachers who are employed for the purpose. The main items of the expenditure are the payment of stipends to the students. I request the House to sanction this grant.

The question that Government be granted Rs. 5,600 for another item under Demand IV—Forest, was put and carried. The grant was made.

DEMAND XI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: I move that a sum of Rs. 1,000 be granted under Demand XI—General Administration—19g. Public Service Recruitment for additional expenditure under Anchal charges for 1119 for the Public Service Department.

The Anchal charges budgetted for this year under Public Service Recruitment have exceeded already on account of the examination which was conducted recently. It is also proposed to hold another examination in the course of the year. Service stamps to the value of Rs. 1,000 are needed in that connection.

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